THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Government of India in its notification dated 17.06.87 accepted necessity of an All India Merit test to be eligible for lecturship in Colleges/Universities. The UGC in its regulation dated 19.9.91 regarding minimum qualification required of a person to be appointed to teaching staff of the University/ College made such a Test essential criteria for being appointed to the post of Lecturer. The NET was introduced in 1989.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) As per the University Grants Commission (Minimum qualification required for the appointment and career advancement of teachers in universities and institutions affiliated to it) (Second Amendment Regulations, 2006) dated 14.6.2006, National Eligibility Test (NET) shall remain the compulsory requirement for appointment as Lecturer for those with post-graduate degree. However, candidates having Ph.D. degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Post Graduate level and Under Graduate level teaching. The candidates having M.Phil degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for UG level teaching only. These Regulations have been framed on the basis of recommendations of an Expert Committee.

Schools enrolment in Uttaranchal

2451. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a low school enrolment, specially in rural areas and hilly areas of Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof in rural areas and hilly areas, separately in the State;

(c) the funds allocated for the primary and secondary schools in Uttaranchal during the last two years;

(d) the funds utilized by the State Government; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to improve the school enrolment in rural and hilly areas of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per the provisional statistics available for the year 2002-03, in Uttaranchal, Gross Enrolment Ratio in classes I-XII (6-18 years) in rural areas is 78.70 per cent as compared to total Gross Enrolment Ratio of 83.93 per cent.

(c) and (d) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, an amount of Rs. 121.98 crore and Rs. 167.54 crore was allotted to Uttaranchal during 2004-05 and 2005-06 respectively. Out of which, Rs. 96.37 crore and Rs. 146.88 crore were utilized by the State Government during the respective years.

(e) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, in 2006-07, 223 primary schools and 253 upper primary schools have been sanctioned covering eligible habitations of the State to improve the enrolment of children in schools.

MPs' Recommendation for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2452. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Member of Parliament can recommend for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas outside constituency in the case of the students not belonging to his own constituency;

(b) whether as the demands for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas are increasing day by day, Government are contemplating any plan for increasing the quota of M.Ps for admission; and

(c) how Government propose to cope with the increasing trend of demands for admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalayas were set up primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government Employees. These requirements are largely being met by the existing Kendriya